(c) Following actions are being taken by the coal companies to improve the conditions of these mines:–

(1) Mechanization of underground mines with suitable intermediate technology *i.e.* Side Discharge Loader (SDL), Load Haul Dumper (LHD) alongwith transport system to improve production and productivity of the mines.

(2) To deploy low cost continuous miner for viable economics, wherever possible.

(3) To replace Surveyed off equipments with new fleet of Heavy Earth Moving Machine (HEMM) for improving availability and utilization.

(4) Identification of isolated and fire effected patches for working through hired HEMMs.

(5) Introduction of Mechanized loading in place of manual loading.

(6) Rationalization of manpower.

Allotment of coal fields

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SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that 745 applications have been received for the allotment of 15 coal fields in the country;

(b) if not, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether petitioners include those people also to whom coal fields have been allotted for mining earlier;

(d) if so, the names of those people and names of the people out of them who have not made any production as per rule in the allotted coal fields so far; and

(e) whether Government would blacklist such petitioners of these coal fields?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. 745 applications were received for 15 coal blocks earmarked for allocation to power sector under the captive use dispensation.

(c) and (e) Yes, Sir. There are 36 applicant companies which have applied for power blocks and were already allocated coal blocks for different end uses. A list indicating names of 36 companies and status of production from the block allocated to them is given in the Statement (*See* below). The list also indicates names of such allocatees which have not started production.

The allocatees of coal blocks, who have not started production so far, are in various stages of obtaining statutory clearances and mining lease, preparing

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mining plan, acquiring land, procuring machinery and equipment etc. for both the mining as well as end-use project. The progress achieved by them against certain given milestones are reviewed by a Committee headed by Additional Secretary (Coal) periodically.

Development of coal blocks involves a long gestation of about 3 to 5 years to reach production stage and about another two years to reach its optimal production capacity.

Specific mile stones are laid down for development of coal blocks. This is monitored and reviewed periodically. In case of willful delays, notices are issued, where warranted, de-allocation of coal blocks could be considered.

Statement

A list indicating names of 36 companies and status of production from the block allocated to them

Sl. No.	Name of the party	No. of block allocated	No. of block in production (MT)
1	2	3	4
1	M/s Jindal Steel and Power Ltd	4	1
2	M/s Monnet Ispat Ltd.	2	1
3	M/s Jindal Power Ltd.	2	Started since June, 2007
4	M/s Raipur Alloys and Steel Ltd.	1	Expected to start in 07-08
5	M/s Prakash Industries Ltd. (1 block allocated jointly with others)	2	1
6	M/s CSEB	3	
7	M/s. Hindustan Zinc Ltd. jointly with others	1	
8	M/s SAIL	2	
9	M/s GVK Power (Govindwal Sahib) Ltd.	1	
10	M/s Tenughat Vidyut Nigam Ltd.	3	
11	M/s WBPDCL	5	1
12	M/s Electrosteel Castings Ltd. (1 block jointly with others)	2	
13	M/s TISCO	2	
14	M/s Essar Power Ltd.	2	

1	2	3	4
15	M/s. Jharkhand State Electricity Board	2	
16	M/s DVC	4	
17	M/s. Hindalco Industries Ltd. (2 blocks allocated jointly with others)	3	1
18	M/s. SKS Ispat Limited	1	
19	M/s. APMDC	1	
20	M/s KPCL	6	Expected to start in 07-08
21	M/s Shree Baidyanath Ayurved Bhawan Ltd.	1	
22	M/s. Sunflag Iron and Steel Ltd (1 block allocated jointly with others)	2	Expected to start in 07-08
23	M/s Gupta Coalfields and Washeries Ltd. jointly M/s. Gupta Mettalics and Power Ltd.	1	
24	M/s. Maharashtra State Mining Corporation Ltd.	3	
25	M/s. Bhatia International Ltd.	1	
26	M/s. Utkal Coal Ltd. (formerly ICCL)	1	
27	M/s. Bhushan Power and Steel Ltd.	2	
28	M/s. JSW Steels Ltd. jointly with others	1	
29	M/s. Jindal Stainless Ltd. jointly with others	1	
30	M/s Adhunik Corporation Ltd.. jointly with others	1	
31	M/s. Visa Steel Ltd., jointly with others	1	
32	M/s. TATA Power Ltd. jointly with M/s. Hindalco Industries Ltd.	1	
33	M/s RPG Industries/CESC Ltd.	1	1
34	M/s. MSP Steel and Power Ltd. jointly with others	1	
35	M/s. Shyam DRI Power Ltd. jointly with others	1	
36	M/s. DCM Shriram Consolidated Ltd.	1	